

SEASONS FOR SUICIDE

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PHILOSOPHIC on the cause of this phenomenon is difficult because of the absence of sufficient and reliable data. Most frequently the suicide leaves behind no indication of the state of his feelings immediately prior to the act which terminates these feelings. It is supposed that adverse conditions are borne as long as possible before resort is had to

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of self-destruction. But then, why do these forces and influences culminate in May or June, rather than in January or October?

It is possible that an explanation might be sought in the contrast between the aspect of nature in the bright months of May and June and the dark feelings and thoughts that torment the mind of the unfortunate. Outside everything is happy, and joyous, and prosperous. Within all is despondency and despair. Clad in her gayest robes of many-colored nature seems to laugh at the miseries and wretchedness of the man who has sorrow only in his heart. Disheartened, disgusted, he revives himself on nature by usurping her functions, and ends a life which she would have allowed to drag on for years.

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," said the poet laureate. This is a physiological fact, I dare say, not only of the young man, but of all animated creatures from the cooing dove to the roaring lion. It is true of the plants, and trees, and flowers. It is a law of nature. Now suppose this law, so universal in its application, had balked, thwarted, violated. Some violent consequences must ensue. So, after the young man's fancy, turned to thoughts of love, and wealth, and ambition, and success can find no one of these, what happens terribly. The man whose thoughts are so weighed down by poverty, ill-health, disappointed ambition, withered hopes, and unfulfilled desires makes his quietus with whatever means comes first to hand.

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Home & Gossip.

Little Local Links in the Town's Chain of History.

QU'APPELLE.

VOTE FOR DEWDNEY.

Considerable quantities of wheat are coming into town, and times are consequently getting better.

William Smith, advocate, has been appointed issuer of marriage licenses in and for the North-West Territories.

Mr. Peters, Government inspector of public works in the Territories, was in town last week, looking after the furnishings of the Courthouse.

Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, will preach in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath next. He will meet the managers and congregation on Monday at 2 p.m.

To-day every voter in Canada should exercise the right conferred upon him by the British Constitution and say by his vote who are to be intrusted with the destinies of his country.

Some action should be taken to secure the building formerly used for immigration purposes for all our public meetings. Considerable difficulty is experienced in getting the use of it at present.

Mr. Turner, formerly of Qu'Appelle, has undergone a remarkable surgical operation at the Medicine Hat hospital. His abdomen was cut open and an obstruction in one of the intestines successfully removed.

On Friday evening last the Methodists of this appointment, assisted by their friends from Edgeley, gave a tea-meeting in the Government hall. The ladies had prepared a sumptuous tea, which was served in the courtroom, and heartily disposed of by a large number. A few minutes after eight o'clock Mr. James Weidman was called to the chair. The programme was an excellent one. Music and singing were never better rendered in Qu'Appelle, and the addresses were of a high order. The proceeds, which were for the parsonage fund, netted about \$40.

The Canadian Churchman, Toronto, of Feb. 19th, contains the following:—The Bishop of Qu'Appelle arrived on the 7th, from Niagara, at 8 p.m. A reception was given him and the Rev. Mr. Sanderson in the large school-room of St. George's church. The archdeacon introduced his Lordship, stating that though it was his first visit to Guelph he was not by any means a stranger; and of late his Lordship had a prominent place in his descriptions of the incidents of his visit to England at the time of the Lambeth Conference. He had the pleasure of travelling across the Atlantic and also was in his company at the three never-to-be-forgotten services, the reception at Canterbury, the grand service at Westminster and the closing service at St. Paul's. Further he had the honor of being a guest at Cambridge at the same college as his Lordship, and several other bishops, and again at the reception given to him at the Duke of Westminster's Mansion. The Bishop then spoke and expressed his great pleasure at meeting so cordial a reception. He gave a history of the work of his remote diocese. In England he was rector of Woolwich, and had a population of 20,000, all within 10 or 15 minutes walk from his spacious church. This was about the population of his diocese though scattered over a vast surface. On Sunday the church at Guelph was crowded to hear the Bishop preach on the needs of mission work in the North-West, etc.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held here on Friday last, called by Mr. Tarriff. There was a good attendance of farmers and others interested in the political questions of the day. Mr. Tarriff opened the meeting and explained his position on the trade policy, avowing himself in favor of free trade and attempted to convince his hearers that the farmers had to pay higher prices for machinery, on account of the present tariff. He dwelt at considerable length on North-West questions and declared himself opposed to the dual language and separate schools, and said he considered the license system preferable to the present iniquitous law.

Mr. Scott, Q. C., of Regina, followed and in a very mild and convincing manner, showed clearly that Canada had prospered under the National Policy, and was in a happier position than many parts of the United States.

Mr. Chappell, of Moosemin, who is supporting Mr. Tarriff, spoke on Unrestricted Reciprocity, and spent considerable time in showing the extent and growth of our trade with the United States for the past twenty years, and claimed that if we adopted a policy of Free Trade Canada would be more prosperous.

Hon. W. D. Perley, who was

greeted with cheers on rising, launched out on the chief question before the country at the present time, dealing with the subject in a masterly manner. He showed how the North-West would suffer from Free Trade with the United States. The fact that cattle, sheep and hogs are raised cheaper across the line, and Unrestricted Reciprocity would enable the Americans to flood our markets and effect our producers, was clearly pointed out by Mr. Perley. Mr. Perley pointed to many of the advantages to be gained by being represented by the Minister of the Interior, and strongly recommended the electors to support Mr. Dewdney and the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald, whose policy had done so much in building up the country, in preference to one that must inevitably result in annexation.

The meeting closed with cheers for the candidates and Sir John A. Macdonald.

Qu'Appelle, March 4, 1891.

To the Editor of The Progress.

Sir,—I have just received from Hon. E. Dewdney the following reply to questions addressed to him on behalf of the Northwest Prohibition Alliance:

1. "That when the time arrives that a general feeling in favor of Prohibition of the drink traffic for the whole Dominion is expressed I will be found supporting it."

2. "I would certainly urge the limiting of Permits if the present unsatisfactory system was continued. I believe the present system is unworkable, and the provisions of the law are unworkable."

3. "I think the Legislative Assembly should have control, and that the voice of the people should be heard and respected in regard to the question of Prohibition."

Thanking you for space just as you were going to press, I am

Yours, etc.
JAMES WEIDMAN,
See, N. W. P. A.

CARTER'S PRIZE PROLIFIC BARLEY.

Ottawa, Feb. 6th, 1891.

In February, 1850, the Government of Canada on recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, made provision for the importation of 10,000 bushels of two-rowed barley from England, to be sold to farmers in Canada for seed. This was imported in 5,000 bags of 112 lbs. each, the "Prize Prolific" being the variety chosen for the purpose, and this barley was offered at the cost of importation, \$4 per bag, the Government paying freight charges to the nearest railway station to the purchaser. By this arrangement farmers in every part of the Dominion obtained the barley at a uniform price, but one bag only was available to each individual. This restriction was made at the outset so as to secure a wide distribution for the grain, and prevent a too rapid exhaustion of the stock, so that applicants from distant portions of the Dominion might not be disappointed. This limitation lessened the sales, and as soon as it was ascertained that the barley on hand would be more than sufficient to meet the demand on the basis of one bag only for each purchaser, the restriction was withdrawn. About 3,200 bags were sold to 2,600 purchasers, leaving nearly 1,800 bags on hand.

I am now instructed to offer the remaining stock at three dollars per bag, freight prepaid to the nearest railway station to the purchaser, with no restrictions as to the number of bags which any individual may buy. All orders must be accompanied by a remittance sufficient to cover the amount of the order. The applications will be entered as received, and the orders filled in rotation as long as the stock holds out.

The germinating power of this barley has been tested from ten samples taken from different bags, the average vitality is 90 per cent and the growth strong.

All communications should be addressed to the undersigned.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director, Experimental Farms

MEDICAL HINTS.

Coming consumption is forewarning by a hacking cough, night sweats, pain in the chest, etc. Arrest its progress at once by taking Hayman's Pectoral Balsam, which never fails to cure coughs, colds, bronchitis, hoarseness, etc., and even in confirmed consumption affords great relief.

COMING EVENTS.

Cold, cough, consumption to cure the first and second and prevent the third use Hayman's Pectoral Balsam, the reliable family medicine for all diseases of the throat, lungs and chest. A marvel of healing in pulmonary complaints.

—Vote for Dewdney.

WHITEWOOD.

Politics have taken possession of the town and the coming contest in this district will be a keen one.

Dr. Bemish is still suffering from the effects of his accident, and fears are entertained that the fracture in his arm will not knit.

On Friday evening last the Presbyterian Sabbath School gave its annual entertainment in the manse. A very large audience assembled, and at half past seven standing room was not available, many being forced to return to their homes. The programme consisted of choruses, songs and recitations. The singing of the children was excellent. The chorus, "How lovely is Zion," deserves special mention, as does also recitation, "Nobody's Child," by Miss Lulu Park. Addresses were given by Rev. Hugh McKay, of Round Lake, and Rev. A. Hamilton, resident pastor. The financial success was beyond all expectation and will be applied to the library fund.

1 to 2 bottles of P. B. B. will cure Head aches, 1 to 2 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Billows, 1 to 4 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Constipation, 1 to 4 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Dyspepsia, 1 to 6 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Bad Blood, 1 to 6 bottles of B. B. B. will cure Scrofula. In any case relief will be had from the first few doses.

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IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE orders for Knitting, mending, and plain and fancy work. For further particulars apply to MISS BOYCE.

Sec-Treas. March 2nd, 1891. 17-19

PIANO TUNER.

ANY one requiring their Piano attended to should write to the uncle signed and arrangements will be made with a good man from Winnipeg.

MISS SHEPPARD, 16-18, P. O. Box 428 Qu'Appelle Station.

LOST.

I OSt, a buckskin Pony Colt, with white face, nine months old, had a small piece of rope around his neck. Banded MB. Any one giving such information as will lead to his recovery will be rewarded. 16-18 A. G. MILES.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between R. M. J. Lowley, J. R. E. Bowley, and R. H. H. Hey Chapman, under the firm style of "Lowley & Chapman," at Avenue Farm, near Guelph, N. W. T., has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, R. M. J. Bowley retaining from the late firm.

All persons having accounts against the late firm are requested to settle the same to the best of their knowledge, by whom the same will be paid, and who are hereby authorized to collect all accounts owing to said firm of "Lowley & Chapman."

JOHN R. E. BOWLEY,
R. H. H. CHAPMAN,
Dated 4th Feb., 1891. 16-17

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AT the hour of 10 o'clock, a.m., and will remain open until 4 o'clock p.m. of the same day, when the votes of those duly qualified to vote thereon will be taken, or against raising the said sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) by way of a loan on the security of the said School District, for the sum of Ten (10) equal consecutive annual installments from the issue thereof with interest at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum for the following purposes, namely, the building and furnishing said school.

Therefore notice is hereby given by the Trustees of the said District that a poll will be opened by the undersigned chairman of the said Trustees at the residence of Mr. J. Hartle, on.

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GEO. P. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
WM. BEASLEY, Trustees.
W. SHARPE, Trustees.

Dated at Ellishore, This 17th day of February, 1891. 15-17

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